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Ivan H. Loucks Retires

After 31 years of federal government service, starting as a Radio Inspector with the Radio Division of the Department of Commerce in 1931, Ivan H. Loucks, W3GD/K4GD retired as Chief of the Amateur and Citizens Radio Division of the FCC on June 30, 1965. Ivan started his ham career in 1925 while at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Ivan graduated from the University of Florida with an EE Degree in 1931. After serving as Radio Inspector in Atlanta, Ga., Grand Island, Nebr. and Philadelphia, Pa., he was transferred to the FCC's Washington office in 1939 where he remained until his retirement. In addition to his ham activities, Ivan enlisted in the US Naval Reserve as a radioman in 1920. He was on active duty for six years during WW II and served in the Pacific area. In 1963, Ivan retired as a Captain, USNR. He has been an active QCWA member since 1955 [certificate #965] and now that he has more time, no doubt will be more active on the air.

Report on Meetings of Board of Directors

Meetings of the QCWA Board of Directors were held on February 17 and June 16, 1965 at the Engineers' Club in New York City. All national officers and directors were present at these meetings. The following is a summary of pertinent actions taken:

Meeting of February 17, 1965

1. The Board unanimously voted to designate Ralph G. Barber, W2ZM/W1ZM, with the honorary title of EXECUTIVE SECRETARY EMERITUS. A suitable engraved certificate subsequently was prepared and presented to him.
2. The Executive Secretary, Mr. Augustine J. Girona, W2JE, presented the following report:

a. Membership Data

Active membership as of 1/3/65.....3,478*

* Includes 196 Life Members

b. Membership Growth

<u>Year</u>	<u>New Members</u>	<u>Life Members</u>	<u>Total Membership</u>
1961	446	82	2,166
1962	517	125	2,250
1963	506	155	3,139
1964	484	196	3,478

3. The following financial report for the year 1964 was submitted by the Treasurer, Mr. Fred W. Huff, W2AMB:

a. Revenues Received During 1964

Entry fees and dues.....	\$8,804.90	
Sales of lapel pins, stamps, cuts, etc.....	<u>1,045.20</u>	\$9,850.10

b. Revenue Deductions

Printing, mailing, etc.....	\$4,504.87	
Office expenses.....	2,716.35	
Supplies.....	513.24	
Taxes and Insurance.....	192.03	
Banners, plaques, certificates awarded and meeting expenses.....	<u>1,120.30</u>	<u>\$9,056.79</u>

c. Net Income During 1964.....	\$ 793.31
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4. The Board directed that a certificate be given to the previous winners of the QCWA QSO Party plaque awards.

5. The Treasurer reported that QCWA banners had been presented to the 12 QCWA Chapters that had qualified to date. Chapters with 50 or more members are eligible for this banner.

6. It was decided that the Executive Secretary will process applications for the "50-Years in Amateur Radio" certificates. A total of 82 QCWA members received this award in 1963-1964.

7. The Board deferred action on the methods of handling membership lists and other administrative operations of the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer pending further studies of the IBM card method. The Committee under Dr. A. L. Walsh, W2BW, still is investigating the matter of a general office manager for administering the operations of the Association.

8. The Board voted to amend Article II of the By-Laws as follows:

"Section 1. Each applicant for membership shall remit an Entry Fee of Three Dollars [\$3.00] plus Five Dollars [\$5.00] for three years dues, making a total of Eight Dollars [\$8.00] which shall be returned to him or her should the application not be approved.

Section 2. Dues shall be prepaid to the Treasurer in the amount of Five Dollars [\$5.00] for three years, Ten Dollars [\$10.00] for six years, or Twenty-Five Dollars [\$25.00] for Life Membership."

9. The Board approved that the Executive Secretary should attend the West Gulf ARRL Division Convention in Oklahoma City, Okla. July 9-11, 1965 as well as the annual Dayton, Ohio Convention in April 1965 in order to further publicize QCWA. The President was authorized to spend up to \$200 during 1965 for QCWA publicity purposes.



FCC Division Chief
Ivan H. Loucks, W3GD



Chairman, No. Calif. Chapter
Russel A. Estep, W6AUC



WINNER OF 1965 QSO PARTY
W8OYV, Chairman of Canton, Ohio Chapter presents plaque to
Earl M. Reichman, W8NBK, the 1965 winner

10. A number of other matters concerning the welfare of the Association was discussed during the meeting but the Board took no formal action.

Meeting of June 16, 1965

The following actions were taken by the Board of Directors at its meeting of June 16, 1965:

1. Approved the President's appointment of a Nominating Committee, in accordance with Article V, Sec. 1 of the By-Laws, comprising George W. Bailey, W2KH, Chairman, Tom A. McCann, K2CM, and Dr. A. L. Walsh, W2BW, to submit names of nominees for Officers and Directors for next year. The date of the annual meeting was set for October 29, 1965.
2. The President reported that answers from all 24 Chapters as well as from many members had been received to his letter of April 9, 1965 concerning FCC Docket No. 15928 on incentive licensing for the Amateur Service. In general, most respondents agreed that present holders of the Advance Class license should be given the proposed Amateur First Class without examination and that the class of operator's license should be designated in the call letter assignment. Many opposed the proposed call letter assignments that would entail the loss of their present three letter calls when they qualified for the Amateur Extra Class or Amateur First Class licenses.
3. After considerable discussion, the Board voted 7 to 3 to submit comments on behalf of QCWA to the FCC in Docket No. 15928.
4. The Board, after detailed analysis of all factors, voted to authorize the submission of the following comments to the FCC:

- [1] We concur in the general principle of incentive licensing.
- [2] The Amateur Extra Class license should be continued.
- [3] Present holders of the Advanced Class license who also have held amateur station license continuously since July 1, 1932, be given the proposed Amateur First Class license without examination.
- [4] Present holders of Advanced Class license who also have held amateur station license continuously prior to July 1, 1932, be given the Amateur Extra Class license without examination.
- [5] Amateur Extra Class licensees and proposed Amateur First Class licensees may retain their present assigned station call signs upon request as long as they reside in their present FCC call number district.

Results of 1965 QCWA QSO Party

The annual QCWA QSO Party, held over the February 5 to 7 week end, was enjoyed by all who participated. The winner was Earl M. Reichman, W8NBK, who made 217 points against last year's winner, Herbert J. Gleed, W6ZPX, who scored 177 points. The top nine scores were:

W8NBK.....217	W3EIS.....113	W3BIP.....88
W6ZPX.....177	W9VZP.....112	W7LQ76
K6GIL.....125	W2CDJ..... 91	W6PLS.....76

It was regrettable because of an oversight that QST did not contain notification of our annual party. However, advance notice was well covered in CQ. Those who took part [62 submitted logs] enjoyed many fine friendly QSO's

which, after all, is the prime purpose of this annual affair. It definitely is not a contest. Our sincere thanks to the Northwest Chapter and to Doc. Spike, W70S, its very active Chairman, for their hard work in checking the logs and computing the scores. What Chapter desires to sponsor next year's QSO Party?

Executive Secretary Proclaims

A number of QCWA Chapters were visited during the past several months by Executive Secretary Gus Girona, W2JE, including Delaware Valley, Dayton, and Southern California. These eye-ball QSO's together with those made by National President Earl Thomas, W2MM, and various members of the Board of Directors, have served useful purposes. They help to cement over-the-air friendships, promote better understanding of the objectives of the Association, clarify policies of the Board of Directors and also to assist to obtain comments and suggestions useful in formulating plans for the growth of our organization. A supply of the present red QCWA stamps is available at the rate of 500 for \$1. Also, the small one-inch QCWA cut, useful for QSL cards and on stationery, costs \$3. Life Members have suggested that QCWA stamps be made in gold for their use. If sufficient Life Members are interested, arrangements can be made. Please let Gus know pronto.

It is a pleasure to welcome 180 new members in the QCWA since January 1, 1965.

QCWA Participates in Dayton Hamvention

Through the kind assistance and hard work of the Dayton Chapter and the cooperation of the Hamvention Committee, a QCWA booth was set up at the Hamvention held in Dayton, Ohio, April 8-10, 1965. It was manned by Executive Secretary Gus Girona, W2JE, National Director Tom McCann, K2CM, and various members of the Dayton Chapter including W8ALW, W8TE, W8FYR, and K8UZ. The QCWA banner was exhibited and there also was a display of antique amateur radio equipment loaned by W8JDV. These items served to attract large numbers of hams attending the Hamvention and over 14 new QCWA members were obtained. Approximately 100 QCWA members signed the log book. QCWA also was represented at the annual banquet with Gus at the head table. About 700 attended this dinner meeting. QCWA member Carl Snyder, W8ARW, won the "Amateur of the Year" award for his work in assisting the General Telephone Company of Indiana when fire almost destroyed the telephone exchange in Richmond, Indiana.

Chapter News Items

More and more QCWA Chapters are publishing bulletins, news letters or even single-page sheets for distribution to their members. Please do not forget to send a copy, as soon as published, to the Executive Secretary for subsequent use in this News Letter. It is suggested that each Chapter designate one of its officers to be responsible for sending news items about its affairs to the Executive Secretary. Photos in black and white also are desirable and we will try to include them subject to space limitations.

Arizona Chapter

Originally organized in 1961 with 11 Charter members, this Chapter now has 58 active members. On-the-air meetings are held every Thursday at 6:30 pm MST and Sunday mornings at 9:30 am MST on 3930 kc. All QCWA members are

invited to participate. Charlie, K7TJN, and Steve, W7ACF, have returned to the sea for some more radio operating. It seems that W7BFA and W7OAS shared the same hospital room for a few days after which a nurse was removed in a strait jacket. W7FWA recovered from a slight heart condition. W7CS and W7OIF finally deserted AM for SSB. W3AN/7 recently retired from the Navy and soon will be located within shouting distance of W7QNC. Plans are being laid now for the annual Chapter's dinner in November when elections will be held.

Baltimore Chapter

New Chapter officers elected at the annual dinner meeting held April 24, 1965 in Dobbs House Quality Court Motel on Route 40 near Baltimore are: Roland A. Johnson, W3WA, Chairman; C.M. Hartman, W3GR, Vice Chairman; Gerald V. Bate, K3NWQ, Secretary, and S. W. Krute, W3LNK, Treasurer. George Jacobs, W3ASK, was the guest speaker and discussed the I.T.U. organization which started just 100 years ago. George told of the big part played by hams in the development of radio communications, particularly in SSB, space and the WHF bands. This Chapter now has about 40 members and soon should be eligible for its OCWA banner.

Northern California Chapter

A breakfast meeting of all OCWA members attending the National ARRL Convention to be held July 2-5, 1965 in San Jose, California has been arranged by the Chapter. The annual picnic of the Chapter is scheduled for September 19 at the Sonoma Golf & Country Club about 60 miles north of San Francisco. Three nets for AM, SSB and CW, respectively, are attended by many Chapter members each Sunday morning. The smiling face of the Chapter's genial Chairman, Russ, W6AUC, can be seen in the photo. The annual dinner held February 13, 1965 in Redwood City was attended by 85 members and their ladies. The Chapter's OCWA banner was first displayed at this meeting. Attendance in the Chapter's CW net has increased a great deal, no doubt because of the proposed FCC incentive licensing program. More and more members are turning to SSB including K6GI, W6BCM and W6LDO. The Chapter's DX champion is still W6PLS who lives almost on the Pacific Ocean. W6BYS runs the SSB net and always can use more members.

Southern California Chapter

A Chapter bulletin has been inaugurated to give members the latest news about OCWA activities, hamfests, conventions, etc. The Chapter is participating in many ham activities including the National ARRL Convention in San Jose, July 2-5, Western SSB Association's annual convention in Fresno on September 3-4, and the Southwestern Division ARRL Convention to be held in November. This Chapter's main event will be its annual Fall dinner meeting at the Los Angeles Press Club on October 16, 1965. The team of Harry, W6AYF, Walt, K6GMA, and Tom, W6PIF, will make this a successful event as always.

Canton, Ohio Chapter

A most successful dinner meeting attended by 33 members was held on February 13 at Padula's in Massillon, Ohio. It is understood that the dinner meeting on May 8 at the Atwood Lake Yacht Club also was well attended and enjoyed by all members. Arkie, W8NBK, won the OCWA OSO Party this year and made the Chapter very proud. This Chapter's bulletin features photos and a story about at least one member in each issue.

Cleveland, Ohio Chapter

The Fall meetings of this Chapter are strictly stag, however, the ladies are invited to the Spring meeting. As a result, 104 [37 were ladies] attended the Spring Banquet held May 15 at the Masonic Temple in Cleveland. An interesting talk on his adventures as a radio operator on a "Mobile Covered Wagon" on a trail drive in Texas was presented by Jim Russell, W8BU. It took four days to drive from Brennan to Houston, Texas and Jim was on the air most of the time with a transceiver operating from a 12-volt battery. The antique wireless gear of the late Ellis Smith, W8OV, which was donated to the Chapter, was given to the Western Reserve Historical Society. It will be rehabilitated by John James, W8IRM, who was appointed curator. The lucky winners of the door prizes at the Spring Banquet were WA8IJW, K8RTT, W8BCO and W8NV.

Dayton, Ohio Chapter

The Spring meeting held at the Wishing Well Restaurant, Centerville, Ohio on March 18 was attended by 38 members and guests. The main event of the program was a panel presentation of "Amateur Radio-50th Anniversary". Panel members were W8ALW, the moderator, W8RJ, W8CZ, W8PW and W8TE. Each one talked about how he started in amateur radio, his early equipment, unusual experiences, famous people that he met through ham activities, etc. It was a most interesting evening of reminiscing. Three of the Chapter's members recently joined the "Silent Keys" - W8TN, W8EL and W8QBJ. The Chapter also participated in the Dayton Hamvention and the Old Timers Night at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan on May 8. K8UZ and Jack, W8JDV, handled the details. A picnic is planned for this Summer at the QTH of W8JDV per his kind invitation. W8UX is still in the hospital but is improving.

Florida Southeast Chapter

There are over 75 members in this Chapter at present which started in January 1962 with W4GJ, W4BTM, W4CJ, W4BXL, W4AMP, W4APP, W4ADP, W4MD, W4BI, W4GL, W4LVV, W4DQO, W4BN, W4CD, W4DL, W4QS, W4HN, W4BH, and K4GCU as Charter members. Walt, W4GJ, the Chairman, conducted the ROWH rites at the Florida State ARRL Convention in Miami. Chapter members participated at the Tropical Hamboree in January and at the hamfest in Fort Lauderdale on March 6.

Florida West Coast Chapter

QCWA members residing on the west coast of Florida are urged to contact Mr. Jay R. David, W4YK, 1841 Fox Circle, Clearwater, Florida in order to form a Chapter.

New England Chapter

The following Chapter officers were elected at the annual meeting held March 27 at the Yankee Drummer Inn, Auburn, Massachusetts: Ray Whannel, W1PHP, Chairman; Stearns Poor, W1PO, Secretary, and Herbert Barnett, W1EX, Treasurer. A total of 36 members and their ladies attended this affair. The Chapter recently suffered the loss of two members to "Silent Keys" - K1ZG and W1AJL. The Chapter's QCWA banner was displayed for the first time at its annual meeting.

Northwest Chapter

Carroll, W7BV, is now out of the hospital and W7IH and W7FON are newlyweds. The Chapter was saddened by the loss recently of W7BGL, W7KX, W7FU and W7AWI to "Silent Keys". The annual meeting will be held at the Lakeshore Inn in Seattle June 12-13, 1965.

Washington, DC Chapter

Over 135 members and guests attended the 10th annual Old Timers Night at Olney Inn, Olney, Md. on February 20. In addition to many QCWA members from Baltimore, New York was represented by W2MM, W2KH, W2ALS among others. Robbie, W3RE, Chapter Chairman, presided and introduced John Huntoon, W1LVQ, Gil Crossley, W3YA, Earl Thomas, W2NM, Bruce Kelley, W2ICE, and two 50-Year members, Mac Williams, W3ER, and Ed Lipson, W3SD. The feature of the evening was a talk by Clarence Tuska, who with Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW, founded QST and the ARRL.

SILENT KEYS

The following members have joined SILENT KEYS since the publication of the January 1965 issue of the QCWA News Letter:

W1AJL	-	Arthur M. Timlin	W6CNF/K7GXQ	-	Wallace C. Wood
W1AJL	-	E. J. Wurtz	W6FZD	-	Richard L. Mockbee
K2BT	-	Wesley C. Mock	W6VC	-	John H. Nutt
K2EN	-	Elliott A. Olson	W7AWI	-	Derrill D. Austin
K2IHO	-	Wallace I. Youngs	W7FU	-	Douglas F. Bates
W2KSL	-	William A. Gordon	W8EL	-	Dr. Louis G. Herrmann
W2OW	-	Fred B. Portfield	W8GBJ	-	Byrum E. Henry
W2BZM	-	Joseph Koenig	W8TN	-	Nelson Emmons III
W3AEM	-	Russell E. Fred	VE3TR	-	Harry C. Way
W3AXZ	-	William T. Hamilton	EI4B	-	J. P. Campbell
W3RP	-	Robert C. Barnes			

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



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